

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs as follows.

On page 19, beginning on line 1.

Destage operations are much simpler since these always occur as full stripe writes. In this case the data and parity are written as the position shown in Fig. 34 and the bitmap is updated if necessary to show that the data and parity have been removed.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of adding an information storage device to a plurality of information storage devices in an information processing system in which a processor is connected for communication with the information storage devices by means of a log structured array (LSA) controller in which ~~the~~ information is stored as a plurality of stripes extending across the plurality of storage devices of the array, the LSA controller further defining a directory which specifies storage locations using ~~relative addresses~~ a construct comprising a stripe number and an offset, the method comprising connecting the additional information storage device to the LSA controller and logically appending an additional strip provided to each existing stripe by the additional storage device to the end of each stripe in the directory.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising configuring the plurality of information storage devices as an N+1 array.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein each stripe comprises N information strips and one parity strip, each information strip storing an integer number of logical tracks.

4. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the directory comprises a LSA directory which specifies the location of a logical track in terms of the ID of the stripe to which the track belongs and the offset of the track within the stripe.

5. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein prior to the addition of the